

BALKED AT BRAHMS.

Mora Was a Good Cook, With Positive Opinions on Wedlock.

Johannes Brahms, the famous German composer, was a hearty eater and particularly fond of Italian cookery. One day he and Dr. Billroth, the eminent Austrian surgeon, visited Herr Wichenmann in Rome and were invited to a breakfast alla romana. The host's cook, Mora, did her prettiest, and the wine supplemented her efforts.

Brahms' thoughts were on the clouds he had just enjoyed. In joyful humor he raised the question whether it was not his duty to take back with him to Germany a wife who could provide so admirable a meal as Mora.

Finally Wichenmann, with mock seriousness, presented himself to Mora as a suitor for her hand in behalf of the great German artist. "Moreover, he is a 'musician,' he explained, "and you surely are fond of music, for you sing about the house all day. What say you?"

Mora's answer was classic. She looked at Wichenmann, then at Brahms, from top to toe, and, with energetic gesture, replied, "Sono romana, nata al Ponte Rotto, dove sta il tempio di Vesta, non sposero mai un barbaro." ("I am a Roman, born near the Ponte Rotto, where the temple of Vesta stands. I never will marry a barbarian.")

The Quality of Life. It is not fortune or personal advantage, but our turning them to account, that constitutes the value of life. Fame adds no more than does length of days; quality is the thing.—Charles Wagner.

Conquered St. Peter.

A Boston clergyman tells how a witty Irishman stood before the gate of the other world asking for admission. St. Peter refused him, however, telling him he was too great a sinner to enter there, and bade him go away. The man went a little distance from the gate and then crowded three times like a rooster. St. Peter at once threw open the gate and cried out: "Come in, Pat! We'll let bygones be bygones!"

Played the Limit.

The vestryman, of course, is never absent from the Sunday morning service, and the widow is also a regular attendant, but on week day evenings the two are scarcely less devoted to the pleasures of the card table, where the great American game frequently takes the place of bridge. A recent



SATURDAY EVENING SAW A PROTRACTED SESSION.

Saturday evening saw a protracted session, when the interest was well sustained by a tidy "dollar limit," but the following morning saw the two devotees at church, as usual. The vestryman proceeded up the aisle with the plate, making brief but profitable rests at each pew. With careless grace the widow dropped a half dollar on the already imposing collection. "Come again, sister," said the vestryman softly but distinctly in the shelter of his hand. "The limit has not been changed." The widow heard and saw and made good.—Argonaut.

More Amateurs.

Too little attention has been paid to Lionel Lawrence during this hullabaloo about the fifth marriage of Nat Goodwin and De Wolf Hopper. Broadway holds that Lawrence is the man who really popularized the institution of matrimony among the people of the stage. It is variously declared that he has married from eight to eleven times. One of the Lamb's is quoted as asking: "Are Goodwin and Hopper trying to compete with you, Lionel?"

"How could they?" replied Lawrence. "They'd lose their amateur standing."—New York Globe.

A Little Amusement.

Said Mr. Joucker, who was reading the paper, "Another poor wretch has been given a life sentence at hard labor."

Said Mrs. Joucker, who was embroidering blue roses: "Probably he deserves it. What is he guilty of?"

"Fraud and no visible means of support. He obtained clothes and a fine turnout with no money and nothing collectible. He seems to be larger and stronger than most of that class, yet it is plain that he has never done a tap of work, though he has managed to live well so far. But the poor fellow takes his sentence hard and cries pitifully, protesting his innocence."

"The wretch! He must have dealt with perfect fools!"

"No; his victim is our own friend Jack Smith."

"What clever lawyer! Do read to me all about it!"

"Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, a two-year-old boy."

Lawrence Took His Time. The dispute about an unfinished Lawrence portrait recalls a story of that painter's dilatoriness. The Lord Mexborough of that time, after much letter writing about the portrait of his wife and child, said he could wait no longer. Lawrence pleaded for more time; he was well forward with the lady, but the baby wanted finishing; could he not have one more sitting? "My wife will be happy to give you another sitting whenever you like," was the answer, "but the baby is now in the guardroom"—Dundee Advertiser.

The Quest of Health. "I suppose you take excellent care of your health?"

"No," replied Farmer Cortosset. "I tried every kind of medicine I could get hold of for awhile. Then I gave up and forgot about my health, and I've felt better ever since."—Washington Star.

Generous. "Man, how do you look? Why, you have a full beard."

"Yes; I have raised it for a birthday present for my wife."—Ulk.

A BRILLIANT FINISH.

Ampere Brought His Quiet Evening to a Startling Climax.

Andre Marie Ampere, the French writer, physicist and mathematician, famous for his investigations in electrodynamics, was remarkably absent-minded. Hundreds of stories of his absentmindedness are told, but quite the funniest is that of his dinner at the house of M. Fontanes, the grand master of the University of Paris.

For a joke somebody had told Ampere that he must go to the dinner in his academician's uniform of green and gold and girt with his sword. When he got to the house he was very much annoyed to find everybody else in ordinary evening dress. "I will get rid of the sword at all events," he said to himself and slipped it behind the cushion of the sofa.

After dinner Ampere forgot himself, as usual, and became lost in a涉水 calculation. He took a little piece of chalk out of his pocket and began working out problems on the black satin cover of the mantelpiece. He be-



MME. FONTANES AWAKE AND ALARMED THE HOUSE.

came so absorbed in what he was doing that all the guests left without his noticing them, and when he wrote down Q. E. D., no one was left in the room except Mme. Fontanes, and she unfortunately sat fast asleep on the sofa where Ampere's sword lay hidden.

Ampere went down upon his knees and pulled gently at the sword, so as to get it away without waking the lady. He pulled and pulled, and presently the sword came out—without the scabbard. At this moment Mme. Fontanes awoke and alarmed the house with her screams of terror at seeing a man on her knees before her with a drawn sword in his hand.

Then the lady promptly fainted, and Ampere, still with his naked sword in his hand, rushed to the door to summon assistance. Here he was met by a crowd of servants in various stages of undress, who had been alarmed by the screams of their mistress. These good people thought the man had gone mad and raised their voices in piercing yells, which brought the master of the house. He, frightened and trembling, finally grasped the situation and calmed the agitated Ampere, who explained matters to the now thoroughly aroused mistress of the house.

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